

Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
For Construction of the South Fire Station and EMS Facility
5501 Grand Avenue, Western Springs, Illinois

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Western Springs South Fire Station and EMS Facility, Cook County, Illinois; to be constructed under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Station Construction Grants (FSC) Section of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is proposing to assist in the funding of a new fire station and EMS facility for the Village of Western Springs, on vacant property located at 5501 Grand Avenue, Western Springs, Cook County, Illinois. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of each of the proposed alternatives on the human and natural environment. This also provides public notice to invite public comments on the proposed project in accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. In addition, this notice and the draft EA provide information to the public on potential impacts to historic and cultural resources from the proposed undertaking, as outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

The draft EA is available for review from March 29, 2010 to April 29, 2010 in the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall at 740 Hillgrove Avenue, Western Springs, IL 60558 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The draft EA is also available for review at the Thomas Ford Memorial Library, 800 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, IL 60558 during normal hours of operation. The draft EA is also available for review online at the FEMA website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region5.shtm> .

Written comments regarding this environmental action should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (local time), April 29, 2010, by Amanda C. Ratliff, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA, 536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, IL 60605-1521; or at Amanda.Ratliff@dhs.gov .

If no substantive comments are received by the above deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by FEMA. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

The public may request a copy of the final environmental documents from Amanda C. Ratliff at the address listed above.